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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: H. OGAWA, et al
Serial No.: 10/706,913
Filed: November 14, 2003
For: LOAD BALANCING STORAGE SYSTEM
Group: 2186
Examiner: S. Elmore

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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December 27, 2004

Sir:

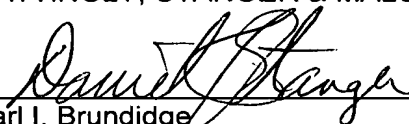
In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the first month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action dated August 26, 2004. A Credit Card Payment Form authorizing the amount of \$120.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER & MALUR, P.C., Account No. 50-1417 (Case No. 501.39981CX1).

Respectfully submitted,

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